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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply (10 pages) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) & Form PTO/SB/08a/b (3 pages)
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) (2 sets)(7 pages total) Seven (7) cited References;
 - iv. Other Postcard
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 03/13/2006 AKELECH1 00000016 031952 0857846
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) (1 page) 01 FC:1801 790.00 DA
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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